DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Public Health Service Indian Health Service Rockville, Maryland 20857 Refer to: OMS/MPSS

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE CIRCULAR 97-02

ERRATA NOTICE FOR THS CIRCULAR NO. 96-05

This errata notice is issued to replace page six of the Indian , Health Service (IHS) Circular No. 9605, 'Indian Health-Service Policy for Aircraft Services Used to Transport Employees and Ambulatory and Emergency Patients."

The attached page changes Section—6, Paragraph D, 'Liability - Insurance Requirements." The minimum liability insurance is changed from \$5,000,000 per death to \$5,000,000 per incident; thus, lowering the cost of obtaining minimum liability insurance. The change is made in accordance with the recommendations made by the Aircraft Disaster Workgroup.

The existing page six should be removed and the attached page inserted.

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Attachment

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C. Personnel ReQUIREMENTS.

- (1) Pilot Oualifications.
 - a. Pilots of all aircraft ordered by the IHS to transport employees and ambulatory patients must have a minimum of 1500 pilotin-command (PIC) flying hourslogged.
 - b. Pilots of aircraft ordered by the IHS for emergency medical air transportation must have 2000 RW aircraft hours prior to assignment with an air medical service company: 1000 of these hours must have been as a PIC in a rotorcraft, and 100 of these hours must have, been night in-flight hours as a PIC.
- (2) Medical Flight personnel requirementss'

Air transportation service companies that provide emergency medical air transportation services must provide the appropriate number of medical personnel and level of care as ordered by the IHS. All emergency medical air transportation services@ personnel must be under the direction of a Medical Director who ensures that flights are staffed in accordance with the CAAMS standards for air medical personnel.

- D. Liability Insurance Requirements Air transportation service companies used by the IHS must provide the following minimum medical liability insurance:
 - (1) \$1,000,000 per passenger for injury or death.
 - (2) \$5,000,000 per incident.

Area procurement offices must report any non-compliance of the liability insurance requirements by vendors to the Director, Division of Contracts and Grants Policy, IHS Headquarters, on a semi-annual basis.

7. PROCEDURES.

A. All air transportation services must be ordered by designated individuals at each IHS service